

# **CORRECTED FISCAL NOTE**

## **SB 329 - HB 1242**

May 7, 2001

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Mandates death investigations for sudden, unexplained deaths of children under one year of age. Requires the State Medical Examiner to develop a program to certify child death pathologists. Requires the Department of Health to train law enforcement officers, emergency medical technicians and firefighters in proper technique in dealing with infant deaths. Sets the cost of a child autopsy not to exceed \$1,500 and requires the state and county to share the cost.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

In the fiscal note issued on February 16, we incorrectly indicated that autopsies were mandated by the bill. The bill provides that the county medical examiner shall inform the parents or legal guardian, if an autopsy is authorized. There is no change in the fiscal impact, which is as follows:

#### **Increase State Expenditures - \$25,000**

Assumes:

- approximately 100 autopsies will be performed each year.
- the cost of infant autopsies to the state will increase from \$500 each to \$750 each
- that local counties already pay in excess of \$750 for such autopsies
- the Department of Health will address the programmatic requirements of the bill with existing resources.

### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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